GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5026
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OBSERVATION OF C & AG
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C&AG in its Report No.11 of 2002 on pages 23 andthereafter have revealed the absence of appropriate provision in the Rules enabling assessees to get unintended benefit of crores of rupees, ambiguous notifications leading to non-levy of additional duties etc.;

(b) If so, the total amount of money that has thus been lost by the State in each of the last three years, Commissionerate of Central Excise-wise;

(c) the steps taken to realise that amount now; and

(d) the action taken against the officials responsible for that state of affairs and whether such lapses were due to ignorance of rules and regulations or due to fraud and collusion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) : Sir, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) has pointed out certain cases of grant ofunintended benefit of excise duty and non-levy of additional duties of excise leviable under Additional Duties of Excise (Textiles & Textile Articles) Act, 1978 and the Additional Duties of Excise (Goods of Special Importance) Act,1957 in Paras 3.1 & 3.2 of Report No.11 of 2002. The Government has not admitted the audit objections.